



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

North Central Middle

Kershaw County

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 376

Principal: Burchell Richardson

Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan

Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

0

GOOD

0

AVERAGE

4

BELOW AVERAGE

24

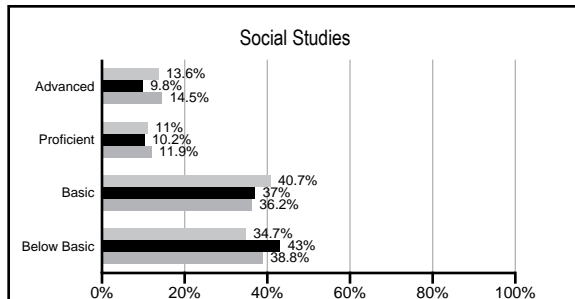
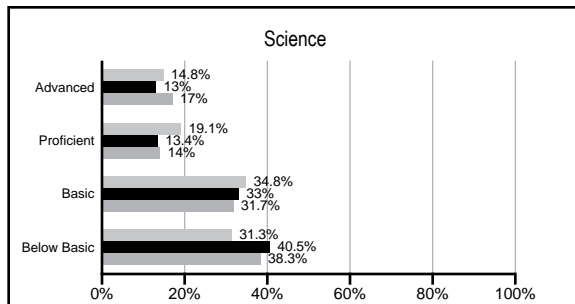
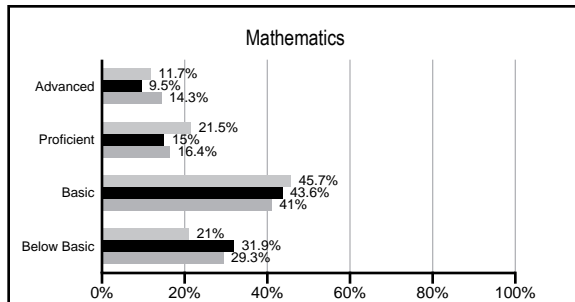
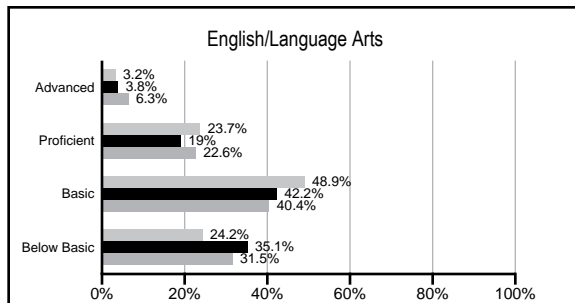
AT-RISK

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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	94.2%
English 1	100.0%	93.3%
Physical Science	0%	0%
All Subjects	100.0%	92.4%

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
 NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

North Central Middle [Kershaw County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=376)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	12.2%	Up from 12.1%	15.4%	19.4%
Retention rate	0.5%	Down from 2.9%	1.9%	1.8%
Attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.0%	95.7%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	10.5%	Up from 8.4%	12.5%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	13.8%	Down from 14.9%	14.1%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.9%	Up from 1.7%	0.8%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=30)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Down from 75.9%	53.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	73.3%	Down from 79.3%	72.5%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	7.4%	Down from 7.7%	6.3%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.4%	Down from 83.8%	82.0%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 95.2%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$44,485	Up 6.2%	\$44,234	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 4.9%	3.2%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	No Change	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Down from 20.7 to 1	19.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.5%	89.0%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,839	Up 4.4%	\$6,895	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.2%	Up from 62.1%	65.9%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	58.3%	Up from 58.2%	61.5%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%		66.1%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	31	97	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.3%	80.4%	92.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.8%	87.5%	77.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	74.2%	87.6%	86.8%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This has been another good year at North Central Middle School. The school offers a safe, structured, nurturing environment that encourages excellence in achievement. We offer a challenging, relevant, and standards-driven curriculum supported by a highly effective and efficient faculty and staff.

North Central had many accomplishments for the 2007-2008 school year. Six students were named Junior Scholars. Students from North Central Middle school won honors in writing contests. One of our students won the district Lt. Governor's contest along with student winners in the VFW Patriot Pen essay contest, the DAR essay contest, the Elk's Lodge essay contest, and the Lions' Club poster contest. A variety of programs were continued in order to encourage outstanding achievement which included Pride of the Principal, Patriot Pride Club, North Central's Finest, Patriot Partners, Honor Roll and Academic Award Programs.

Our theme for this year was "Readers today, Leaders tomorrow." To enhance that theme, the Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) program begins each school day. The Birthday Book program gives each and every student a book on his or her birthday in an effort to encourage pleasure reading. The library staff encourages reading through the Patriot Read program and the Accelerated Reader program. An early morning homework center and after-school program offered students opportunities to improve their academic performances.

North Central continues to try to increase positive parental involvement. Parents participated in large numbers in career conferences, Open House, and academic assistance plan conferences and served in large numbers as monitors during PACT testing. Through the assistance of the PTO and SIC, the school's marquee was placed near the entrance of the school.

A majority of our faculty members hold advanced degrees, and four of our faculty members are National Board Certified. Our faculty members are highly trained to use the new technological systems available to them. Our school is completely accredited by the state and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The faculty continues to work hard on reaching PACT improvement goals. Through the use of standards-based curriculum, our faculty is determined to offer a dynamic academic program for our students. Students receive daily instruction in language arts, math, science, and social studies and have the opportunity to take a variety of related arts classes each quarter. Our motto, "Best Students, Best Teachers, Best School," certainly describes North Central Middle School.

Dr. Burch Richardson, Principal
Mrs. Lori Pate, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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